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**NEW TAX RATES TAKE EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2005  
IN CITIES OF FORT BRAGG AND SONORA**

Voters in the City of Fort Bragg approved a 0.50% City of Fort Bragg Transactions and Use Tax, which will be used to fund city street maintenance and improvements. Effective January 1, 2005, the tax rate within the city limits will increase from 7.25% to 7.75%.

Fort Bragg is located in Mendocino County. The tax rate in the areas of the county outside the city of Fort Bragg (and outside the cities of Point Arena and Willits, which also have a 7.75% tax rate) will remain at 7.25%.

Voters in the City of Sonora approved a 0.50% City of Sonora Transactions and Use Tax, which will be used to fund public safety. Effective January 1, 2005, the tax rate within the city limits will increase from 7.25% to 7.75%.

Sonora is located in Tuolumne County. The tax rate in the areas of the county outside the city of Sonora will remain at 7.25%.

The tax rate charts can be accessed and copied from the Board of Equalization website at <http://www.boe.ca.gov>. The Board of Equalization (BOE) administers tax programs in four general areas: sales and use taxes, property taxes, special taxes and fee programs, and the tax appellate programs.

If you have questions regarding the tax rate changes, or the programs administered by BOE, please call the BOE Information Center at 1-800-400-7115. Customer Service Representatives are available from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding state holidays.

The Board of Equalization collects nearly \$42 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and also plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property tax.

The five-member Board is the only publicly elected tax commission in the nation, and is comprised of Betty T. Yee of San Francisco, Acting Member, First District, Bill Leonard of San Bernardino, Second District, Claude Parrish of Rancho Palos Verdes, Third District, and John Chiang of Los Angeles, Fourth District. State Controller Steve Westly serves the Board in an ex-officio capacity.

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